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Remarks

Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application. Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 3-6.

Claims 1-2, 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snell (US 6152435) in view of Kato (US5206627) and/or Yap et al. (US5246218).

Claims 3-6 have been amended per Examiner's observations. Claims previously dependent upon now cancelled claim 1 have been amended to depend upon claim 3, as amended. The rejections raised are now rendered moot. Thus, the remaining claims 2-8 are now allowable.

Applicants believe they have addressed Examiner's rejections and the case is in a condition for allowance.

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